### Vocabulary - Loud and Unusual

Alligator

Animals

Birds

Carnivore

Collective nouns: herd, pod, flock, swarm, army, school.

Cry (call)

Defend

Display

Endangered.

Feathers

Gentle

Herbivore

Hyena

Insects

Intimidate

Kilometres

Loud

Peafowl

Prey

Prey

Reptiles

Roar

Seeds

Shy

Tail

Teeth

Trumpet

Tusks

Unusual

Vulture

### Animals – Loud and Unusual

Indian Peafowl:

Lives in tropical forest

Eaten by leopards and tigers

Trumpets an alarm that echoes for almost a kilometer – high pitch

Only flies if in danger – up to tree tops.

Sleep in same tree every night.

Trumpet at same time every day.

Eats seeds and insects.

Spotted Hyena:

Lives in a clan (pack?) which is lead by the strongest FEmale.

‘Laughs’ – can be heard over 3 kilometres away, gets louder and louder as they near their prey.

Can run 45km per hour.

Powerful jaws to break bones.

Noisy eaters.

Scare away others (eg lions) by ‘screaming’ at them.

Southern Sahara, Africa.

American Alligator:

Noisiest of all reptiles – as loud as small plane! Roars like a lion!

Whip their tails and beat the water with their jaws when about to fight.

Females lay about 40 eggs in nests of grass and mud (about 2 metres wide!

Females carry babies in their jaws.

Silent in winter.

Vulture:

No feathers on head – avoids getting blood stuck to feathers when they’re putting their heads into a carcass.

A garbage collector!

Cruel – happily eats animals alive.

Related to the eagle.

Powerful beak – can break bones.

Useful – keeps land clean, helps stop diseases spread (flies carry diseases).

Africa and Arabian Peninsula.

Elephant:

Huge BUT gentle, caring, shy.

Asia (smaller) and Africa.

Tusks – hunted for ivory (jewelry, medicine, trinkets etc). Now elephants are endangered.

Excellent swimmers.

Trunk can pick up a tree or stroke your face. It’s also very sensitive.